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Second Big Dollar Day Will Occur On May First

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BLOW UP HOME

Unknown Party Places Two Bombs Under Window of W. C. Meek.

WORK OF A BLACK HAND

Threatens to Take Life of Local Attorney—Officers are Placed at Work.

A sensation was created in Columbus last week by the announcement that Thursday morning an attempt was made to dynamite the colonial home of the family of W. C. Meek, a prominent local attorney. Two bombs, which had been lighted but had failed to explode, were found by Mr. Meek lying under the window of his room.

The discovery of the bomb was accidental, having been found by Mr. Meek in going to a well upon the premises. They were concealed in neatly wrapped packages and showed that a small portion of the fuse had been burned.

Besides Mr. Meek, six other members of his household occupied the residence. All of these were exposed to the danger the explosions would have entailed.

Upon entering his office yesterday morning Mr. Meek found another anonymous letter which read: "Bill Meeks and Seth Meeks, I missed you the other night but I will get you if you stay in this state, for you are still talking about me and my family take warning."

Mr. Meek is one of the city's oldest practitioners, and is well thought of generally. He knew of no one who bears him sufficient enmity to perpetrate such an act against him. Nor can any other member of the household account for the dastardly deed.

The city and county authorities were promptly notified of the discovery and immediately set to work to detect the offending parties. Nothing tangible has yet developed from their efforts.

About two months ago Mr. Meek received several threatening letters from an unknown source, but nothing developed from them until the discovery of the bombs, except a nocturnal visit which was repulsed without harm to anyone.

PROFOUND SADNESS CAUSED BY DEATH

Mrs. Thomas B. Sherrod Passes Away After a Linger- ing Illness.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Was Member of First Methodist Church and a Noble Christian Woman.

It is with profound sadness we chronicle the death of Mrs. Thomas B. Sherrod, which occurred yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at her home on South Third street. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Methodist church. Interment will take place at Friendship cemetery.

Mrs. Sherrod had been in failing health for some time and spent the winter on the coast hoping to regain her health. About two weeks ago she returned to Columbus and has steadily grown worse.

She was a faithful member of the First Methodist church and a noble Christian woman, whose pure life was a benediction to the loved ones she leaves behind.

Two sons, Messrs. Charles and Henry Sherrod, and one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Odeneal, and many other further removed relatives survive. To these the Commercial extends genuine heartfelt sympathy.

EIGHT PEOPLE ARE KILLED IN BIRMINGHAM DISASTER

Walls of Fire-Wrecked Building Crash Through Stores Without Warning.

Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—Eight known dead, eleven injured, four seriously, and four known missing was the total list of casualties from the falling of the east wall of the old Steele-Smith building, which destroyed the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and the Hann shoe store. Scores of convicts, fireman and volunteers worked steadily after the accident at 5:21 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

One dozen ladies' gauze vests, stay up shoulder straps, for \$1.00 Dollar Day at Lipsey & Chapsky's.

THE VALUE OF AN AMERICAN DOLLAR IN THE WORLD'S MONEY MARKET IS TODAY BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE.



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

CIRCUIT COURT IS TO CONTINUE THIS WEEK

Grand Jury Adjourns After Being in Session For Only Four Days.

Circuit court which has been presided over here the past six days by Judge Thomas B. Carroll, of Starkville, will continue through the coming week, with criminal cases will be disposed of.

After being in session four days the grand jury adjourned Thursday afternoon. They examined 127 witnesses and found only 27 true bills. In their report the jurymen stated in a paragraph that they had endeavored to suppress all raffling and games of chance.

District attorney Ames Saunders came to Columbus several days before court began and had Circuit Clerk Gunter issue subpoenas returnable on Monday thereby saving the grand jury three days time.

2½ yards of 50c table linen for \$1.00, Dollar Day at Lipsey and Chapsky's.

LEO FRANK APPEALS TO BOARD OF COMMUTATION

Contents He Is Innocent and Asks Sentence Be Changed to Imprisonment.

Atlanta, April 22.—Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, through his attorneys today filed a petition with the Georgia Prison Commission asking that his sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Frank contends that he is innocent, and declares the principal evidence upon which he was convicted was of questionable and unreliable character. Members of the prison commission stated that a hearing on the application would not be given before the May meeting, and that it might be deferred until June. Frank asked the commission to make a personal inspection of the premises of the pencil factory where the Phagan girl was killed before beginning an examination of the record in the case.

New numbers in ladies' waists, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, all go Dollar Day at \$1.00 at Lipsey and Chapsky's.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Jess Willard, heavy weight champion of the world, told friends in Chicago the past week that he received \$13,000 for defeating Jack Johnson in Havana. He said that Johnson got \$30,000, and said he would get the same when he defends his title.

The immense grand stand that is being erected on the Industrial Institute and College campus for the pageant in May will face to the East, thus having the audience back to the sun. The play which will begin at 4 p. m. will last two and a half hours.

An intermittent bombardment of the Dardanelles is being carried on by the allied warships and troop transports are on the seas or have already reached their destination preparatory to the inauguration of land operations against Turkey.

Chauncey M. Depew of New York was 81 years old Friday. He said he was just as able to work 16 hours a day as ever, but being a union man, confined his labors to eight hours daily.

Eight persons are known to be dead as a result of a rain, electrical and wind storm which was general over practically all Texas and the eastern portion of Oklahoma Thursday night.

Francis X. Bushman in a Big 3 Reel Feature at Princess Monday

The program at the Princess for Monday, is one of exceptional merit.

Essanay presents Francis X. Bushman with Beverly Bayne and Bryant Washburn in a big 3 reel feature, "The Great Silence," a modern society drama adapted from the story of the same name in the April issue of the "Ladies World," a beautiful picture showing the big favorite, Mr. Bushman, at his best.

Biograph Players present the famous old classic, "Martin Chuzzlewit," adapted from the famous book of the same name by Charles Dickens, an elaborately produced production in 2 reels that should appeal to the lovers of Dickens.

A musical program that is in keeping with the picture program by the Princess orchestra. Admission 5 and 10c all week.

6 large Turkish towels, 25c quality for \$1.00, Dollar Day at Lipsey and Chapsky's.

GRADUATION EXERCISES HELD AT RURAL SCAOOL

Commencement Address Is Delivered by Hon. Guy J. Rencher.

Rural Hill school, which has done splendid work during the past session, came to a close last week, commencement exercises being held Friday evening. The annual addresses was delivered by Hon. Guy J. Rencher, of Kemper county. Mr. Rencher was introduced by Prof. B. G. Hull, superintendent of the school, and made a most interesting and instructive talk.

Diplomas were given to five students, Messrs. Alonzo Weathers and Olin Howard, and Misses Annette Harris, Mary Austin and Zula Cash.

"Mr. Bob," an interesting play was given by the school pupils Thursday evening.

WANTED:—Cabin property showing good income. Must be bargain or will not be considered. Stanley Realty Co.

NEXT SATURDAY TO BE DAY OF BIG BARGAINS

Merchants of Columbus Advertise Today for the Special Occasion.

Practically every line of business in Columbus is advertised at bargains in this issue of the Commercial for next Saturday, which is to be "Big Dollar Day" here. The event is being made known throughout this entire section by the two local papers and from East Mississippi and West Alabama thousands of visitors are expected for the occasion. The Commercial advertised a Dollar Day for April 10 which proved to be a success. This paper and the Columbus Dispatch have advertised the next Dollar Day on a very large scale and as a result it is expected that next Saturday will be one of the largest trades' days ever held in Columbus.

Mrs. D. D. Richard's many friends regret to know she continues ill at her home on the highlands.

DECORATION DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Graves of Blue and the Gray Will Be Covered With Flowers.

BANKS OF CITY TO CLOSE

Special Program Will Be Rendered by U. D. C. at the Friendship Cemetery.

Tomorrow, Monday, April 26, is Confederate Memorial day in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida and will be observed in this city. The banks of Columbus will be closed in honor of the occasion.

The graves of both the Blue and the Gray will be decorated by the members of Stephen D. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and a special program will be rendered.

Miss Mary Harrison, president of the local chapter, U. D. C., has appointed committees to arrange for the occasion.

A parade consisting of veterans and others will be formed in the business section of the city Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and will go to Friendship cemetery, where the exercises will be held.

EASTERN STAR MEMBERS MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

Mrs. Anna Burckell, of Tupelo, Is Named President of the Association.

Greenville, Miss., April 21.—Mrs. Annie Burckell, of Tupelo, today was elected grand matron of the Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star of Mississippi, in annual session here, and Columbus was selected as the convention city next year.

The meeting which has been largely attended has been a most interesting one.

Doing Good Business.

"We are even behind with our orders," was a statement given out yesterday by a representative of the Cookeville Veneer Company. This plant, which is manufacturing a car load of fruit boxes daily, employs about thirty five men.

INTERESTING TALKS ARE MADE BY BEN R. VARDAMAN OF IOWA

Mr. Ben R. Vardaman, of Des Moines, Iowa, delivered two lectures at the Opera House last Friday. In the morning lecture he was introduced by Mr. W. H. Carter and addressed a small audience composed of business men, ladies of the city and the Franklin High School. His subject was "Community Building." He addressed himself for the most part to the school children.

In the evening lecture he was introduced by Pres. H. L. Whitfield and talked on business topics for more than an hour. It is much to be regretted that so few of our business men and practically none of our citizens cared to hear Mr. Vardaman for certainly the subjects he discussed are of vital importance to all of our people.

The business men's banquet after the evening lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Vardaman's talk at the banquet aroused much more interest than either of his lectures. Many of the problems of our business life were candidly discussed, questions asked, and some valuable information given. In his lecture and banquet talk, Mr. Vardaman said many good things among which were the following:

REVIVAL TO CLOSE THE COMING WEEK

Evangelistic Services Will Probably Last Through Tuesday Night.

BIG CROWDS ATTENDING

Two Services Will Be Conducted by Evangelist J. O. Hanes Today.

Hundreds of people have been attending each of the revival services held the past week at the First Methodist church conducted by Evangelist J. O. Hanes, of Birmingham. The meeting which has been such a great help to Columbus will probably come to a close next Tuesday evening.

Regular services will be held today at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

The music, which has been an interesting feature of the meeting, is being conducted by Mr. W. G. Waltermier, of Alabama.

An invitation is given to everyone to attend the services. Rev. Hanes says that although he may be criticized he is here to fight the devil, and is doing it with all his might. At each of his services he has had something interesting and convincing to say. His sermons are backed by the scriptures and great good is being accomplished through his efforts.

Dr. Stockard Honored.

Dr. Charles Stockard, who has a chair in Cornell University, has been invited to deliver the baccalaureate address at the A. and M. College at the close of the present term.

Dr. Stockard, who is a son of Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Stockard, of this city, is a graduate of the A. and M. College and later of Columbia University. He is a naturalist of world-wide reputation and his visit to Mississippi will be looked forward to with interest.

Mrs. Carl Fox, of Birmingham, was among the prominent visitors here for the Rubel-Loeb wedding last Thursday.

11 yds of 36 inch pajama checks, 12c quality for \$1.00, Dollar Day at Lipsey and Chapsky's.

LARGE CROWDS HEAR CONCERTS GIVEN BY DAMROSCH ORCHESTRA

The appearance of Walter Damrosch and his splendid orchestra at the Industrial Institute and College Thursday stirred Columbus and the surrounding community as no other event of the kind has ever done. People were here from adjoining towns and at least two thousand people enjoyed the afternoon and evening programs which were of great beauty and distinction.

On the program Thursday afternoon Mr. John Campbell, the noted tenor, rendered a solo that pleased the audience. Miss Merle Tillotson Alcock, charmed the audience by her rich contralto voice. On the evening program Miss Grace Kerns, a noted soprano, sang with delightful interpretation, "Micaela's Air from 'Carmen.'" Mr. Milla Picco, basso, gave a solo that captivated the entire audience, and the quartette from "Rigoletto," by these vocalists was superb.

Mr. Damrosch, as a conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra, is an artist of pre-eminence and probably without a peer in this country. His natural leadership and wonderful magnetism in being able to get such results from so many different men and different instruments into perfect harmony was remarkable.

The afternoon and evening of wonderful music as was heard Thursday means more to our people than can be estimated. This kind of music influences the taste of a community and causes every one to have a desire for classic music.

The College is to be praised for bringing this orchestra here and we trust that they will make it possible for our people to hear them again next spring.

Save money May 1.

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